

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the Abstract of the Disclosure on page 23 as follows:

SYSTEM, DEVICE, AND METHOD FOR COMMUNICATING USER
IDENTIFICATION INFORMATION OVER A COMMUNICATIONS NETWORK

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A network includes a service selection gateway that receives information from a network user having a network locator address in order to establish a communications session and an identity of the network user. A client service gateway can receive a request from the network user upon establishment of the communications session. ~~The network user has a network locator address within the network.~~ In response to the request, the client service gateway determines if there is an association in a local memory for the network locator address and an identity of the network user. ~~The client service gateway user, obtains additional information associated with the network user in response to the association being stored in the local memory.~~ ~~The client service gateway user, and~~ processes the request according to the additional information. If an association is not stored in the local memory, the client service gateway sends a query for the identity of the network user to the service selection gateway. ~~The client service gateway receives the identity of the network user from the service selection gateway in response to the query.~~ ~~The client service gateway stores the identity of the network user and the association with the network locator address in the local memory.~~